

CUBS START REAL PRACTICE—OTHER SPORT DOPE

No one but a ball player in spring training could get ten lines of newspaper space out of a cut finger.

Ed Walsh and Morris Rath, who arrived in town yesterday ready for the California trip, are good examples of the modern ball player. There was a time when a player during the off season made the home town saloon his headquarters and reported in the spring looking like a heavyweight wrestler. Morris and Ed are down to playing form and need only a little work to harden them for a league campaign.

Several other Sox players arrived in town this afternoon. The remainder of the squad which will start from Chicago is expected tomorrow by train time. Players who live in the West will go direct to Paso Robles, Berger, Scott and Bodie already being there.

Ellis Johnson, the Racine pitcher, signed by the Sox, is not sick. The big righthander will be on hand tomorrow.

Despite a hilly diamond, Manager Evers got his Cubs down to real work at Tampa this morning and the men worked out easily. Infield practice was impossible, but all the other regulation conditioning stunts were tried.

Jim Lavender reported last night. He was delayed by a train wreck.

President Charles Murphy of the Cubs is the original guy who rushes in where angels fear to tread. He has received a severe panning for disposing of Frank

Chance the way he did, and hundreds of fans have declared they will stay away from the Cub park this year for that reason.

How much Murphy cares for the opinion of the fans is shown by work on the infield at Tampa. Every bit of the leveling and re-sodding of the field has been done



President Murphy.

by convicts furnished by the Florida authorities. These men are not paid and prevent free laborers from earning money for the work. Union men, who have always protested against the employment of convict labor in competition with free labor, are not likely to forget this slap from Murphy. But it is not receiving the attention it should. Labor organizations should protest to the